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Title: HOLDING JIG FOR ELECTRONIC PARTS, HOLDING METHOD THEREFOR, AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC PARTS

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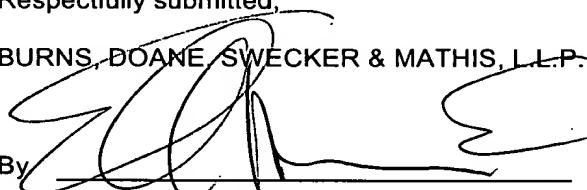
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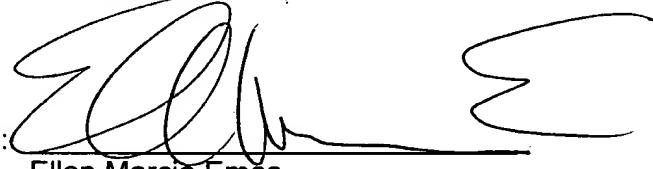
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